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MILLENNIAL HYPE?
Find out how much Y2K is too much for some Shaker students.
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Gun control focus of Bradley campaign visit

• Democratic presidential hopeful speaks to students

By Justin Gurney and Nate Levin
Managing editor and staff reporter

Former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley, in pursuit of the Democratic presidential nomination, brought his campaign to Shaker Heights to tell students and community members about his gun control plan.

The Handgun Control Federation of Ohio invited Bradley, a former NBA basketball player, to speak at the Shaker Community Building. Social studies teacher Sarah Davis' Government classes and many other students attended. Several students displayed signs supporting Bradley's presidential bid.

State Senator Eric Fingerhut introduced Bradley and chastised Ohio legislators for turning away from stricter gun control measures. Fingerhut then challenged Bradley to help solve the handgun problems he said plague Ohio and America, citing examples such as the death of Shaker freshman Penny Chang and the Columbine High School shootings.

Bradley outlined his gun control proposal, which includes the elimination of unneeded handguns. His proposal also requires handgun owners to pass a basic safety course before they can obtain a license and establishes a handgun registration system.

Bradley's plan limits the purchase of handguns to one per person per month nationally. He also suggested increasing licensing fees for gun dealers in an effort to reduce their number. Background checks would be required at gun shows, and trigger locks would be on every handgun. Bradley wants to restrict federal firearms licenses to commercial areas and get gun dealers out of residential neighborhoods.

Bradley also spoke about his broad goals for an optimistic eight-year presidential tenure.

"I want to be a steward for a

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Nicole Majorczyk/The Shakerite

Seniors Jenny Haky and Hillary Schwallie hold up signs welcoming Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley. Government classes and community members were invited to the Community Building to hear Bradley speak. The former pro basketball player showed why he has come this far in the presidential race, speaking not only about the serious issues at hand, but also telling anecdotes and jokes about his campaign.
"Someone told me there are three kinds of people: those who can count and those who can't," Bradley said. He also spoke on gun control, a hot issue in Shaker, because of the Penny Chang tragedy.

Nicole Majorczyk/The Shakerite

Hockey parent charges gender discrimination

• Players, AD defend coach Bartley's actions

By Megahn Dubyak
News co-editor

Eric Kinkopf recently filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office of Civil Rights on behalf of his daughter, sophomore Abra, alleging gender discrimination and steering by varsity hockey head coach Mike Bartley. Hockey players and athletic directors are defending the coach.

Kinkopf filed the complaint after Bartley replaced an injured varsity player with a junior varsity player rather than Abra, who practices with the varsity team.

"The crux of the issue is that [Abra] wasn't given an opportunity to play when the moment arose. Instead a JV player, who had been cut three days into tryouts, was given this opportunity," Eric Kinkopf said.

Sophomore defenseman Matt Wallace injured his shoulder Nov. 20. Junior Chris Hemmelgarn replaced Wallace.

"Hemmelgarn improved daily and was looking very good. He was a little rusty during tryouts because he hadn't been skating," Athletic Director David Sedmak said. Athletic directors also cited Hemmelgarn's size and speed.

Eric Kinkopf said Abra should not have been overlooked.

"If she's good enough to be on varsity, why isn't she given an opportunity to play, but a JV player is?" he said.

On Nov. 22, following varsity tryouts, Sedmak gave Abra and three other players two options: to fully participate on the JV team or to practice with varsity without guaranteed playing time. The players were asked to sign a contract stating their choices. Abra did not sign, but chose varsity.

Athletic directors stressed that Abra was never guaranteed any playing time.

"Nobody in tenth grade should expect to play varsity," Sedmak said.

"I don't think that the minute I make varsity I have the right to play," Abra said. "I will sit my time out and wait for an opportunity. I should be able to get that opportunity to play, even if it's for just one shift."

Other players support Bartley.

"The coach has always been fair," senior Mike Perrin said. "He's a great judge of talent."

"I think it's about ability, not sexism. I'm sure it's how my dad and the rest of the team feel," junior forward Matt Bartley said.

The Kinkopfs' complaint is filed under Title IX, which says, "No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in . . . or be subjected to discrimination under

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Kinkopf complaints

Gender discrimination:
- JV PLAYER MOVED UP INSTEAD OF ABRA, WHO MADE VARSITY
- BARTLEY STEERED ABRA TO GIRLS' TEAMS

AD response

Valid coaching decisions:
- JV PLAYER'S SIZE AND SPEED CONSIDERED, AS WELL AS IMPROVED PLAY SINCE TRYOUTS.
- BARTLEY SUGGESTED JV OPTION FOR FOUR BORDERLINE PLAYERS.

NO COPYING ALLOWED

Need to make a copy? You'll need 10 cents. Since November, the copy machine in the main office has been off limits to students. According to guidance counselor Gerimae Kleinman, the change came after students copied inappropriate material. Faculty were given secret codes to use the machine. In the library, students may print library material for free and other material for 10 cents a sheet. Clubs fliers can be reproduced free in the copy room.

Robbie Mark/The Shakerite

Commencement date changed, then restored

• Effort to beat afternoon heat abandoned after conflict noted

By Beth Dolinsky
Copy editor

A proposed change to a Friday morning commencement ceremony was short lived.

Administrators considered changing graduation from Thursday, June 8 at 4 p.m. to Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m. However, the proposed date for commencement was abandoned in favor of the original date and time.

"The primary reason for the contemplated change in time of day is that a 4 p.m. graduation takes place in full sun," Assistant Principal and Curriculum Chair William Newby said. "An outdoor graduation has been, in my opinion, a worthwhile tradition that I would like to see continue."

"The reason they changed it back was because the new date was a Jewish holiday," Guidance Department Chair Eileen Blattner said.

Currently, the 2000 commencement date remains June 8 at 4 p.m.

Prayer group claims club status

By Lisa Samols
Co-editor in chief

A new club has students confused about religion in school.

Students 4 God began as a prayer group meeting daily before school, and evolved into a club when attendance decreased due to lack of publicity. Non-school-approved groups are not permitted to post signs at school or announce meetings on the PA.

"It was hard to tell people by word of mouth," said senior Rachel Sears, one of the founders of Students 4 God.

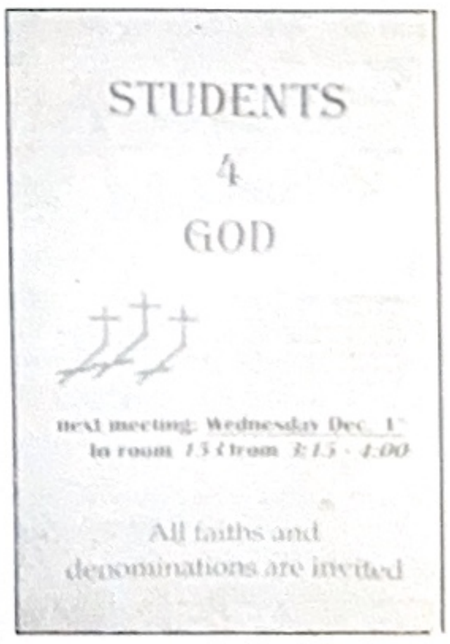
Sears and seniors David Gaddis and Lauren Richard researched the Equal Access Act. Religion-based student-run clubs can meet on public school grounds if school personnel don't participate. Students 4 God has faculty advisers who only supervise the meetings.

Signs for meetings invite all denominations, but crosses on the fliers confused some students.

The sign "was a little misleading," said freshman Ben Altose, who attended one meeting. "Almost everything they did besides the welcome was about the New Testament, which I'm not familiar with."

Sears says it's a Christian club, but that all students are welcome.

"We're using the Christian Bible and discussing Christian views, but anyone can come."



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This flier was posted to announce the first Students 4 God meeting.

Click here to terminate Internet plagiarism

• Plagiarism.org created to combat the use of illegally copied term papers

By Karen Jenks
News co-editor

To combat the spread of Internet plagiarism in schools, plagiarism.org was recently created by professors at U.C. Berkeley. Plagiarism, a growing problem in the world and in Shaker, is a concern of many teachers and students.

"I think it's a problem in Shaker," freshman Tina Jackson said. "I know people who copy things out of encyclopedias and then turn them in."

A service/product of iParadigms, Inc., the website scans submitted essays for any possible plagiarism from the Net. Professors and teachers are encouraged by plagiarism.org to register their classes with the service, then upload papers written by members of their classes.

The paper is scanned by a process the website calls "fingerprinting." Each paper is compared against major search engine databases by iThenticate®. An advanced matching service that uses algorithims, a mathematical method of determining a solution to a special problem, is employed. An originality report is formulated and sent back to the professor who registered the class.

Jason Weinberger/The Shakerite

Plagiarism is a growing problem among many universities. Plagiarism.org was established by U.C. Berkeley professors in an attempt to halt the submission of plagiarized papers in college and high school courses.

Links to the five most similar websites are provided with the report, along with a detailed analysis of the submitted paper.

The website boasts high success rates, according to both the plagiarism.org information page and Melissa de la Rosa, Director of Marketing and Research for iParadigms, Inc.

"Several professors have written in with testimonials of our plagiarism detection method's ability to find cheaters. One professor even found proof that his colleagues had published an academic paper with plagiarized material," de la Rosa said.

The problem of Net plagiarism is a growing concern and presents serious issues for educators and students. A 1991 survey from Rutgers University of 16,000 students from 31 U.S. universities revealed that 66 percent of the students had cheated at least once and that 12 percent were cheating on a regular basis.

A Psychological Record study taken in 1997 found that 36 percent of undergraduates have illegally copied written material.

Shaker students agree with the survey's results.

"I think the fact that you can find basically anything on the Net is a big factor," senior John Stephens said. "I don't think that there's any way to control it."

"I know people who go online and get reports in other languages, especially. Or they have their papers translated for their Foreign Language classes," junior Leslie Layman said.

Not all students think plagiarism to be an issue.

"Lots of kids plagiarise, and it's OK," freshman Tyler Wadsworth said. "What's wrong with benefiting from other people's work? They put it out there for you to use."

Students who are found plagiarizing are subject to a variety of consequences. The punishments vary between universities, but can vary from a failing grade on the paper to expulsion.

According to Shaker's Student Handbook, Rule 18, forgery of any kind, including plagiarism, is forbidden. Consequences vary according to the particular teacher and situation, but they range from detention to expulsion.

Organizations known as "term paper mills" are contributing to the problem. They will sell or give away pre-written term papers. Groups that give the papers away are funded by online advertising.

Plagiarism.org also offers a service that supplies web addresses that provide term papers for plagiarizing purposes. Educators submit addresses of websites that they know exist, and the addresses are added to a compilation of all term paper mill addresses.

Checking the submitted papers takes a few milliseconds, but the results are emailed to the professor or teacher within two or three days.

Firm hired to find permanent principal

Shaker has employed Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates for a nationwide search for a high school principal.

"They have a lot of experience recruiting leaders for high performance districts," public relations representative Peggy Caldwell said.

The company will write a profile after consulting the school community. The candidate must communicate effectively, show leadership at the secondary school level, be committed to high standards and have an Ohio principal certificate. By spring, the company hopes to find a candidate to sign for next fall.

Jennifer Broadbent

Students hold AIDS awareness assembly

news BRIEFS

Youth Outreach Theatre Troupe (YOTT), a student group from local high schools, produced two student-written skits on Dec. 3 to promote AIDS awareness and advise teens to think before acting. One skit consisted of seven monologues by students portraying HIV-positive people.

"It's about behavior, not who you are, but what you do," YOTT advisor Bob Lanigan said. Shaker students are invited to call 590-1187 to join YOTT. A free confidential health clinic offering physicals, pregnancy and HIV tests for teens is open Monday to Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

Allison Pollock

• Bradley visits Shaker, speaks to Government classes

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good economy," Bradley said. He noted his concern for a better standard of living and his plan to ensure quality, affordable health care for Americans of all ages.

Bradley briefly pulled ahead of Vice President Al Gore in primary polls, but Gore recently was the choice of 42 percent of New York Democrats while Bradley was supported by 39 percent, according to the poll from the Quinnipiac College Polling Institute. That is a statistical tie given the poll's margin of error according to CNN com. Bradley is gaining popularity across the nation.

Bradley recently took a short break from campaigning because of an irregular heartbeat, a condition he has had for several years. He plans to be back on the March primary trail soon.

Students who heard him speak can't wait to cast their votes.

• Kinkopfs file complaint with Civil Rights Office

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any educational program or activity receiving federal aid."

Carlton Moody, Shaker's affirmative action officer, is currently investigating the incident.

"I just want to see that she's treated fairly like anybody else," Moody said.

According to Eric Kinkopf, Bartley often suggested that Abra play for a girls' team, comments which could be considered "steering."

"He [Bartley] doesn't think that a girl should be competing at this level of hockey with guys," Abra said.

Bartley declined to comment.

The Kinkopfs also claim that Abra was verbally harassed by other hockey players.

"If there's any evidence of harassment, it will be dealt with," said Sedmak, who pointed to a similar incident last year.

While the harrassment has lessened, the Kinkopfs maintain that the complaint is justified.

"It's not some cute little thing that I want to do to stir up controversy," Abra said. "Hockey is my passion, my sport."

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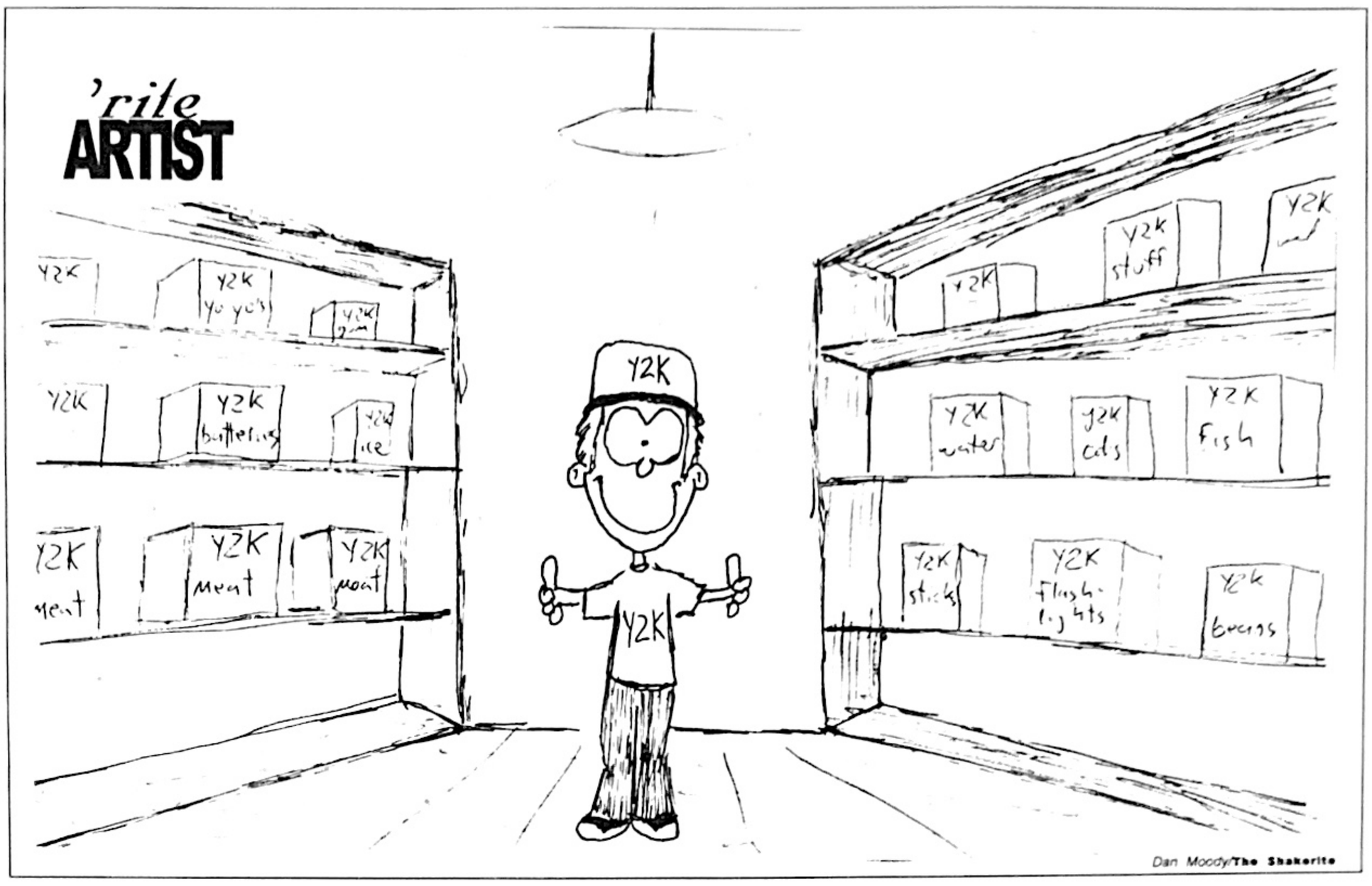

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The end of the world as we know it

'rite IDEA

As the decade comes to a close, as the turn of the century approaches, as we enter the new millennium, as we stand on the verge of a new epoch . . . journalists will have nothing to write because they will no longer begin every article with these cliches. SO THE WORLD MUST BE COMING TO AN END!

No matter how you say it, the result is the same. It's not a complicated process. Armageddon is now, and the only question is how.

While experts assure us that we are all fully Y2K compliant and the ball will drop without a hitch, *The Shakerite*'s Editorial Board has reason to believe otherwise. Pay close attention, all you computer geniuses and pilots. Here's how it will go down.

First, our good friend, the artist formerly known as Prince, was right in "1999" when he sang, "The sky was so purple, there were people running everywhere." Soon after purple skies scatter the population hither and yon, our precious computers will go crazy and explode in a series of fiery outbursts. All that Y2K compatibility stuff is ridiculous jargon conjured up by stress management masters to soothe public fears. Don't be fooled. Not even Mr. Boswell can save us. Planes will fall from the sky like rain, crushing all humans who attempt to confront mother nature's wrath. That means you, Bill Gates. You are going down.

Signs that Armageddon is coming will be omnipresent. Just before we all die, even crazier tragedies will befall us. Abercrombie and Fitch will be overhauled by a thrift store manager. The result: half the U.S. population will be left naked. Pat Buchanan will remove his ugly mask, revealing to the world that he is actually Adolph Hitler. His new book, *Another Final Solution*, will soar to the top of *The New York Times* Wacko Reform Party Candidate Bestseller List.

If that's not eerie enough, Shaker Heights High School parking *will* exist in abundance. In addition, students will invent new ways to solve their problems, rather than crying about humor in the newspaper and people stopping in the hallways.

Scared yet? No? You think we're kidding? Read on. In the world's final days, athletes will stop asking for more money, and all the socks that you ever lost in the laundry system will reappear, miraculously clean and white. Saddam Hussein will host a UNICEF charity event after publicly disarming all of his nuclear bombs, and President Clinton will hold a press conference to announce his voluntary castration. Teachers will at last join the 20th century and realize homework is useless.

And, oh yes, the Browns will win.

Alas, the world's demise means no more senior pranks — a regrettable end to smoke bombs, petroleum jelly on stairway railings and streakers on the front lawn. Darn. And this year we were going to be different.

You may be wondering how we know all this. Well, it's classified. Sorry! Only the CIA, FBI and *The Shakerite* know. Maybe we will drop a hint if you write something for the humor page.

Now we, the Editorial Board, are not whining hypocrites. We are not about to tell you the world is ending and not offer some solutions. Call your mommy, scream, cry, run, build underground shelters, stock up on Pokemon cards, fly to the moon, pee your pants, try anything you can. Realistically, none of these things will save you, but at least you can say you tried.

Because this is unquestionably our last 'rite Idea ever, the Editorial Board just wanted to say that we love you all. Peace and we're out of here.

letters to THE EDITOR

Legal or not, prostitution demeans women

To the editor:

I'm writing concerning the article dealing with legalizing prostitution. Speaking as a woman, I was quite astonished when even reading the headline. Women have come a long way trying to change the typical view that they are merely possessions, and to imagine the U.S. promoting prostitution is awful. What type of message is that for young girls? That it is OK for women to sell themselves, and then for the government to be controlling it? I would never consider myself a U.S. citizen if the United States allowed women to be employed as prostitutes, even if it benefited society.

Emily Stear, senior

Editors' note: The following letter originally appeared in the November 1999 issue of The Shakerite. An editor's error compromised the author's original intent. The Shakerite regrets the mistake. The letter is reprinted below in its orignial form.

Unleashing art in Central Park solves nothing, shows ignorance

To the editor:

First of all this letter is not written to argue Megan Johnston's political views. If she wants to dispute the first amendment (which is ironic, being as she is taking complete advantage of it with her article), that is her right. I do however have a serious problem with her idiotic plans and blatant ignorance about the artists.

In her article she called for the abolishment of age restrictions and claimed the controversial art should be placed in Central Park. Good plan. Now that there are no age restrictions we should invite local kindergarten students to a double feature of *Bambi* and *Intercourse with a Vampire* all the while allowing them to drink Jack Daniels and smoke Dutchmaster blunts. Once again, good plan.

Megan even goes on to claim that these artists weren't even artists, but merely "sitting in his barn looking at a rotten chunk of cow carcass and saying 'What if we done took this here piece 'o meat and pretend it were all fancy art-like.' " Who are you, Megan, to judge an artist's intentions and passion toward this work?

If you are reading this and have ever written a play, composed music or created a piece of art then you know the utter disgust I feel toward her blatant rudeness and ignorance regarding artists.

Jeff Rosenberg, senior

Y2KAOS

Will the world explode? Are aliens going to invade? Will school be canceled for the rest of the year? Students at SHHS don't think so. As Shaker speaks its mind about history's mot notable New Year, most agree that Y2K hysteria is just too much!

"I don't think that any preparation is necessary, other than finding the right party to go to."

-Jeff Giertz
sophomore

"It's terribly over-hyped. It's got too many people on the edge. Everything is about how the Bible is correct on all things. Too many people think that we are going to die. Christianity is the main cause of this."

-Damion Jackson
freshman

"I'm really getting sick of all the hype and everything, like all those cheesy sweatshirts that have to do with Y2K."

-Dana Beck
senior

"I think the whole Y2K idea is blown way out of proportion, and I don't think that anything major will happen."

-Ben Saks
freshman

"I think it's the beginning of the new year, the new century, the new millennium. For me, it's the start of a new life, especially for those who are seniors. It is a very good starting point for them to go off to college."

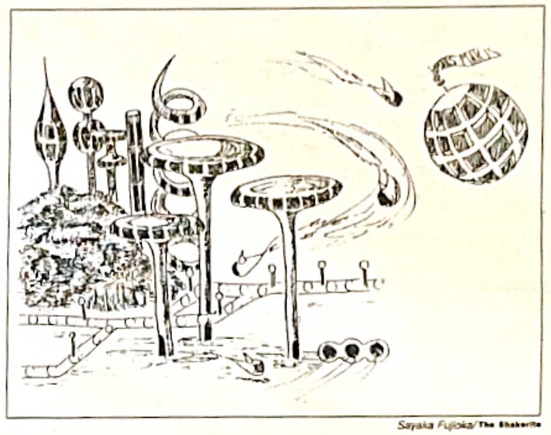
-Asiya Salaam
senior

Photo illustration by Nicole Majorczyk/The Shakerite

People throughout the world have been stocking up on bottled water and canned food for the millennium. As paranoia about Y2K hysteria grows, people prepare for coming disasters. Who wouldn't be just a little bit on edge? "Just in case, have some jugged water and some canned food. Nothing big. You shouldn't, like, withdraw your money from the bank," sophomore Nicole Nadeau said.
A lot of Shaker students, however, seem to feel that all the Y2K hype is unwarranted. After all, it is just another new year- only this one has bigger parties.

Everyone's psyched about Y2K, but what about the *next* next millennium? Student artists depict the year 3000 as they see it.

Mars Marts and mushroom shaped buildings will rule this world



Sayaka Fujioka/The Shakerite

In the future, I envision that buildings will be designed to be **visually interesting**. I drew the houses to look like **mushrooms**, putting windows all around so that people could enjoy the scenery. The houses will be much smaller because **computer chips** will replace such necessities as kitchens. The shopping center will **revolve** around the Earth like a satellite. Everyone will own a **robot-like** automobile, which could make traveling much easier.

-Sayaka Fujioka
senior

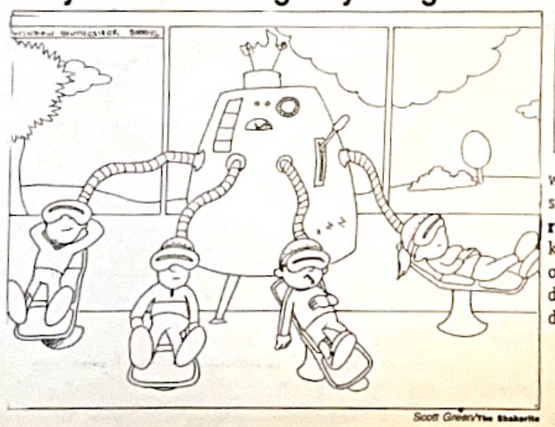
The answer to all those boring Saturday nights - cyber parties!

In past years, the **Internet** has become a useful tool for information and entertainment. In years to come, the Internet could **replace** many more things, such as **school** and **books**. What if the Internet replaced parties in **2999** and even the **biggest** New Year's Eve **party** in the world took place on the **World Wide Web**?

-Mike Hood
senior

Mike Hood/The Shakerite

Why bother doing anything else if school is this much fun?



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By the year 3000, school will be a lot better. The cafeteria will be changed to the **Foodmagoreum** Students can approach a machine, select a meal, and in seconds a hot lunch will come out. There will be **no need for teachers** either. Instead, kids will be hooked up to a **virtual reality** teaching computer that programs knowledge into a kid's brain. School will only last an **hour and 12 minutes** each day! Who knows, we may even be on a different planet by that time.

-Scott Green
junior

Americans refuse to wait

• Technology catalyzes people's fears of wasting time

By Nate Auerbach and Jesse Griffiths
Feature co-editors

You're driving 30 miles per hour down Chagrin Boulevard and you're in the fast lane. Your pager is digging into your right thigh while your cellular phone is aggravating your ear.

You're late for work, but you still have to hit the drive-up ATM. You pull into the bank and reach the back of the line, leaving just enough room for the pedestrians to walk by on the sidewalk. By the time you're out of nails to bite and your car is shaking like a booty on a dance floor because your legs won't stop trembling, you finally make your transaction.

Nail-biting, leg-bouncing and other nervous pastimes signal the feeling of impatience that we all love so dearly.

Why is it so hard for us to wait? What has made our society perpetually impatient? What happened to the old days when postal carriers delivered the mail, cooking dinner took an hour and no one had a microwave?

Technology's tendency to condense our activities allows us to do more. However, when we pounce on the chance to add to our schedules, we often complicate life and undermine our patience.

"We live in a society where time is money."
LEE AJAYI
Senior

"We've constructed our lives so that we don't have time to wait," math and science substitute teacher Karen Fout said. "People have less time."

(Congratulations! If you are still reading, you may be patient after all.)

"A lot of people are so over-scheduled that they haven't got time to do what they're planning to do and resent other people making them wait," English teacher Steven Fox said. "They don't see other people's needs as significant or worthy as their own."

With the proliferation of faster, easy-access technology, Americans are trying to hasten everything else in their lives. Technology may enhance our existence by making our tasks much less strenuous, but it also gives us more free time with which we must occupy ourselves.

"It is just human nature to get things done as quickly and as easily as they can," freshman Dylan Fallon said.

American culture is now in search of a distance between two points that is shorter than a straight line. We see how many things we can do at once. In the mind of the modern man, everything takes too long.

"We live in a society where time is money and therefore we can't waste time," senior Lee Ajayi said.

We see impatience every day. Drivers think that stop signs with white rims are optional. People speed. And while they don't enjoy having their safety jeopardized by reckless drivers, most people's blood pressures soar at the sight of law-abiding motorists. People capitalize on the right turn on red and take longer routes just so they don't have to stop.

"What really pisses me off," senior Jenny Hill said, "is when you want to turn right on red and there's one person in front of you who won't scoot up."

"I hate when people don't let me get to where I want to go," senior Molly Nackley said. "It's a waste of my time."

In case you haven't noticed, ladies and gents, the key to this discussion is time. Our lives revolve around this concept.

Americans hate wasting time; in fact, we can't stand it. We despise waiting in lines because it means we are doing nothing, and doing nothing is ghastly.

"I don't like it when pieces of trash tell me that they have to tell me something important and then say that they forgot and make me hang around and wait for them to remember what they were gonna tell me," freshman Rob Hogg said. "I also don't like standing in line at all, especially the microwave lines in the lunchroom."

Dan Moody/The Shakerite

The implementation of new microwaves in the cafeteria has fed the frustrations of those who suffer from impatience.

"They're so slow," freshman Brandon McCafferty said. "They're real stupid and they seem to be a lot more complicated than mine. They just take way too long."

Students try to rush from one class to the next. They want to beat hallway traffic and get to class on time, for they fear the thrashing they may get from teachers.

"I stop the kids from leaving [the cafeteria] five minutes before the bell rings," security guard Victor Ferrel said.

Still, there are more things at this institution that push people's buttons.

"I become impatient over the frequent interruptions of our regular classroom work," Fox said.

Whoa! You should be proud of yourself. You are one of a few people who actually had the patience to read a news story of 800 words.

Coven drives kids to improvement

• Personal tutor helps students with all subjects - except driver's ed

By Sara Reichstein and Kirsten Whitehouse
Staff reporters

Stay clear of the roads, folks. Beth Coven is at it again.

To many students at the high school, Coven is known not for her outrageous driving skills but for her successful tutoring capabilities. As a learning disabilities tutor and an inclusion teacher, she helps students on an individual basis during classes and provides private tutoring sessions.

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Tutoring isn't all Coven can do, though. She is a full-time mother of two and says family is her top priority.

Away from family and work, Coven finds the time to occasionally crash into situations that most students steer clear of.

"Driving is not my specialty," Coven said when relating a behind-the-wheel experience from her former home, Chicago. "I had a head-on collision with the head of police."

Although she confesses that the incident was the most outrageous thing she has ever done, she has since made a habit of it. In Shaker, she also managed to collide with her son's first grade teacher in a parking lot.

A Shaker alumna, Coven attended Emory College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. After completing college in three years, Coven went on to earn a master's degree in medical science.

"Mrs. Coven is one of the most caring and dedicated teachers I have ever had," senior Jeremy Duchon said. "She is very beneficial. Without her I would not have done half as well as I have."

But who would have thought such a gifted tutor would have dreamed of becoming a drugstore pharmacist long before she became an educator?

As a teenager, Coven's first job was at Revco. From afar, she admired the hard-working pharmacists and had dreams of following in their footsteps.

"I realized the course load was not for me," Coven said of pharmacy studies, "so I went into teaching."

Just like most students at the high school, Coven arrives at school at 8 a.m. and works a full, exhausting day. She then goes home to her two young, energetic sons.

"Let's go on to another question," Coven said with a laugh when asked about her sons.

Coven works with more than 100 students. Some periods she works individually with students in her tiny room in the basement; during others she sits in on classes and assists her students when they need help.

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Beth Coven works closely with her students, as seen here with freshman Drew Yoder. Those whom she tutors feel that her personal instruction has contributed greatly to the improvement of their education.

"Mrs. Coven is an extraordinary communicator and an exceptional motivator," Duchon said. "She's also the bomb diggity."

So what makes Coven so cool?

"To be a tutor you need to understand things, and Coven does that," freshman Deborah Kaufman said. "She's really nice and she's a good tutor."

"I think she is great with the students," math teacher Mary Ann Wonson said. "She goes out of her way to help them with their school work."

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We all have our own toy stories

• A look back in time with our favorite playmates

By Megan Kortemeyer
A&E editor

Every decade is marked by landmark historical events, scientific discoveries, important public figures and toys.

Yes, toys.

Imagine the '50s without Barbie, the '70s without classic Star Wars figures or the '90s without Pokemon or Furbies. Imagine growing up without your trusty Cabbage Patch Doll, Transformers or My Little Pony. Toys like these have played a large part in defining their respective generations. Although we put our toys away long ago, Shaker students can still reflect on what makes childhood toys so memorable.

Senior Kirsten Lund fondly remembers her beloved toys.

"My favorite toys were my Barbie dolls. I had about 10 or 12. I saved two, and they're put away. I'm keeping them to show my kids. They're both priceless to me—one was given to me by my grandma. I'll never sell them."

Freshman Rene Chelune shares this sentiment.

"I had a stuffed bear named 'Bear' that I really loved. It's a little dusty and worn out, but I still have it and I want to be buried with it. It's priceless to me, but to everyone else it's probably worth 10 bucks."

Although some students have saved their favorite toys, others have not been so lucky. Freshman Krystal Redcross' favorite toy met an untimely end.

"I had this Gumby doll that could glow in the dark. I don't have it anymore because my dog bit off its head."

One place to find toys and memorabilia from the past is Big Fun, located on Coventry in Cleveland Heights. The shop buys and sells collectible items.

What might be collectible in a few years?

"There are so many toys that could be collectible in the future and to some degree are right now," Big Fun employee Bobby Sharp said. "Good examples of this are Star Wars merchandise, Barbie dolls and Hot Wheels."

Despite the popularity of certain toys, such as Barbie dolls, the less common the toy, the better, according to Sharp.

"Condition and rarity are key in determining what toys are collectible and what's not. Somebody could have, say, a limited-edition doll with its box in pristine condition, and that would be worth a lot more than the same doll that is beat-up. Also, if the toy was really popular it's not going to be worth as much because many people have them."

Sophomore Joe Falconi owns several toys that fit the collectible requirements.

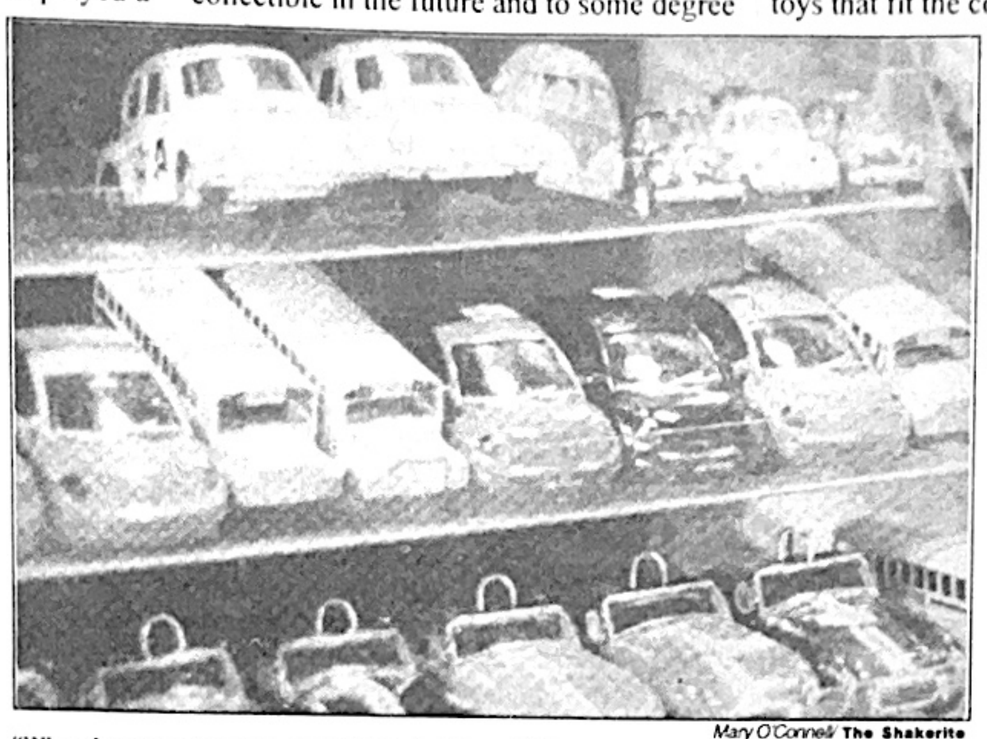
"I liked Matchbox Cars when I was growing up. I still have most of them, although I gave some to my cousin. I have a couple still unopened. I'll show them to my kids someday, and if they don't want them I might consider selling them."

Matchbox Cars are among classic toys that are big sellers.

"Anything vintage seems very popular right now. Transformers and Strawberry Shortcake are big sellers. Strawberry Shortcake dolls are really big. We can barely keep them on the shelves," Sharp said.

In addition to having a lot of Strawberry Shortcake paraphernalia, senior Brittany Stevens also enjoyed her My Little Pony castle.

"The castle was so great. It had a little elevator. I just loved it," she said.



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"When I was growing up, I really wanted those little cars you could drive," senior Tiffany Barton said. "I never got one, though." While Barton wasn't talking about the cars above, she could find them at Big Fun, a store which specializes in collectible toys.

A Midsummer Night's Dream lives up to its title

• Theater production kicks off December with a bang

By Amber Lewis
Staff reporter

A consistently excellent cast sent a sold out crowd of Shaker theater fans home to sweet dreams Dec. 3 after they saw a delightful performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Although the play poses a challenge for audiences who are unfamiliar with the plot, the clarity of performances illuminated the complex comedy for everyone.

The comedy depicts a love pyramid of sorts. It centers on four Athenian youths and a forest full of fairies. Hermia loves Lysander, but her father would rather see her with Demetrius. The lovers plan to flee to the woods to elope. They fall asleep and life grows comically complicated. The fairy Puck, hoping to make Demetrius love Helena, mistakes Lysander for Demetrius and squeezes magical love juice into his eyes. When Lysander awakes he spies Helena and immediately falls in love. When Puck tries to correct his mistake, he only makes matters worse, and the play unfolds as Hermia, Helena, Demetrius and Lysander, love-struck, each pursue the object of his or her affection, attempting to find love in return.

Senior Carmel Pryor (Titania the fairy queen) gave a memorable performance in a lead role. Her stage presence was pronounced and her voice conveyed the power of royalty. Preston Goforth played the fairy king, Oberon.

Junior Austin Cameron brought the requisite energy and humor to the role of Puck. His lively performance made the play interesting and exciting.

Five students brought humor to the play as a band of jesters. John Stephens as Nick Bottom, Matt Ratner as Snout, Aaron Dibner-Dunlap as Flute, Drew Freedman as Starveling and Evan Coyne as Snug were well suited for their roles.

Another actor who stood out was Lauren Bauer as Hermia. Cast in 1998's *Pirates of Penzance* as one of the daughters, Bauer showed range in her portrayal of the frustrations of unrequited love. When she attempted to attack Meryl Scher (Helena), the audience saw a more comic side of her ability.

Choreographer Bethany J. Prater did an excellent job, her work was evident in the dancing fairies — Judy Carlson, Jessi Harrington, Kari Warchock and Lindsay Zellmer. Costume supervisor Kelly Myers and her assistants (Lindsay Goforth, Audrey Klein, Tiffany Pinkney, Jenna Wolfberg and Rosemary Yako) fitted each character with clothes such as the fairies' flesh colored body suits and the colorful material that accented them.

The magical set was constructed by 20 students with the help of Chuck Tisdale.

Ned Gallaway and James Thornton directed and produced.

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From left: Preston Goforth and Austin Cameron in character as Oberon and Puck.

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Tonight's the night

• Men's basketball looks to beat Euclid

By Jenny Heisler and Nicole Majorczyk
Sports co-editors

In what may be Shaker's biggest game of the season, watch the Raiders go up against LEL foe Euclid, ranked 9th by the *PD*. The Raiders host them tonight, at 6 p.m. Ranked 23rd and struggling after two consecutive losses to Mentor and Cleveland Heights, seniors **Matt Baringer** and **Jason Waden** hope to put the bounce back in Shaker's step.

Ice Hockey

The hockey squad looks to conquer in two tournaments over break. The Thornton Park tournament began last night, stretching to the 19th, and the Cleveland Heights tournament will be held from the 27th-30th. Freshman goalie **Daniel Koletsky** has made a name for himself, allowing only a total of three goals to Shaker's 12 in two games.

Women's Basketball

Tomorrow at 6 p.m the Raiders hope to top Valley Forge for their second win. Although Cleveland Heights proved to be too strong, don't count out this tough squad.

Swimming

Hosting Lakewood tonight in their second home dual meet of the season, the swim team hopes to continue their undefeated record. Both the men and the women's teams aim to win the district title this year.

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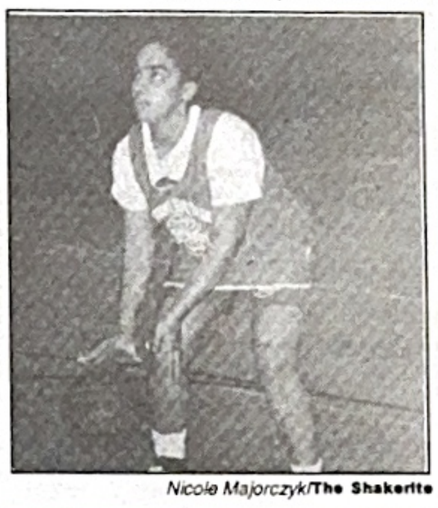

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Matt Shenk hopes to help the hockey team to victories over break. Gabrielle Caldwell takes a shot in practice.

Raider Wrap-up	Men's Basketball	Wrestling
Combined Record	1-2	12th in Solon Tourn.
6-5	12/17 @ 6 p.m.	Hockey
Winning Percentage	home v. Euclid	3-1
.550	Women's Basketball	Swimming
	1-2	1-0
	12/18 @ 6 p.m.	12/17 @ 4 p.m.
	@ Valley Forge	v. Lakewood

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Wrestlers travel to Solon

• Proctor advances to finals, finishes second

By Nicole Majorczyk
Sports co-editor

On Dec. 10 and 11 the wrestling squad traveled to Solon High School for their first tournament of the season. The two-day event began Friday afternoon and concluded with the finals Saturday night.

"I feel that on the first day, the whole team did really well. The second day we all ran into some very good wrestlers. A lot of good people got put out quickly. Those who placed wrestled well. Solon is one of the top ranked tournaments in the state," junior **Brandon Kee** said.

Junior captain **Brandon Proctor** was the only Raider to advance to the finals. He finished the tournament in second place after losing to Chris Krakora from Midpark High School.

"During my first two matches, I don't think I wrestled to my potential. By the second day I was able to [defeat] my opponents in the semi-finals," Proctor said.

Kee placed 4th while seniors **Tim Pope** and **Raychade Nellemsbey** placed 5th and 6th respectively.

"At first I was wrestling well, but by the second day was out of shape and I fell into a slump. This week I'm going to do some extra conditioning to win at Richmond Heights," Nellemsbey said.

The team will travel to Richmond Heights next weekend for competition. The meet will be held at the high school today at 4:30 p.m. and tomorrow at 10 a.m.

"We wrestled well, but I expected a better showing from the team. We do expect to do better and possibly win at Richmond Heights," Proctor said.

Assistant Coach Charlie Morgan looks forward to the meet with a positive attitude. Morgan has high aspirations for the team's success.

"I think that we'll do a lot better. The Solon Tournament was a warm up for us. We have nowhere to go but up," Morgan said.

The wrestling team's annual lift-a-thon fundraiser will be held Dec. 31. Money raised will finance team needs such as the overnight trip to Youngstown.

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Nellemsbey (2-3) was defeated by a St. Ignatius wrestler, 7-3.

O'Brien, Ewing are winter wonders

• O'Brien dives in with speed, dedication

Sport: Swimming

Year: Junior

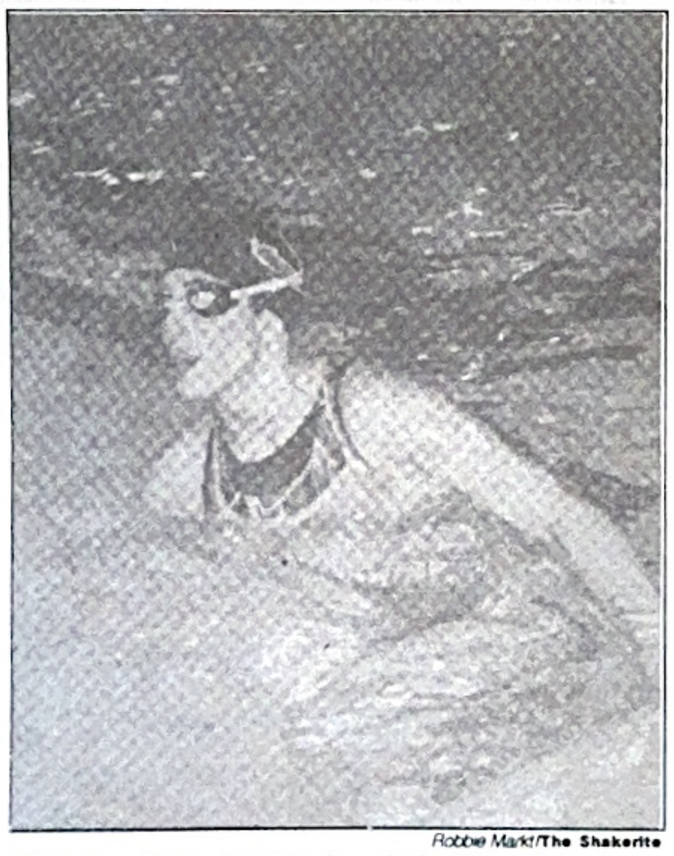
Achievement: O'Brien swims both the 50 free and 100 free; her best times are 24.60 and 54.78, respectively. Last year at states, she helped the 200 freestyle relay to a 7th place finish, and the medley relay to a 12th place finish.

Teammate's Comment: "Katie is a very dedicated athlete. She is always striving to do better and go faster."
- junior Jaron Santelli

Favorite Memory: "My favorite time is at states where we all get together and everyone is there behind you."

Coach's Comment: "She is one of our top sprinters. Hopefully she'll help our relay teams earn All-American honors this year."
-head coach Ernest Welsch

Jenny Heisler



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1/100 of a point kept O'Brien from Junior Nationals last year.

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Ewing slides by the defense of two Cleveland Heights Tigers.

• Skates of lightning give Ewing an edge

Sport: Ice Hockey

Year: Senior

Achievement: Ewing has played center on the varsity squad all four years of play, earning co-captain honors this year with senior Howie Dingle. Last year, he totaled 54 points with 29 goals. He was also featured as the *PD* Sports Insider Player of the Week at the end of November, and helped the Raiders to consecutive Baron Cup titles in '97 and '98.

Teammate's Comment: "Rashaun's about the toughest competitor I've ever played with. He goes harder than anyone else."
-senior Mike Perrin

Coach's Comment: "Rashaun is a great skater, and a very, very good offensive player. Also, his defense is under-rated. He plays with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and dedication."
-head coach Mike Bartley

Katie O'Brien

Rashaun Ewing

Jenny Heisler